

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
Case No. 20-cv-954**

FARHAD AZIMA,

Plaintiff,

v.

NICHOLAS DEL ROSSO and VITAL  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.,

Defendants.

**MOTION OF PLAINTIFF FARHAD  
AZIMA TO SET AN INITIAL  
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE AND TO  
INITIATE RULE 26(f) AND LOCAL  
RULE 16.1(f) CONFERENCES AND  
REPORTING PROCESS**

Plaintiff Farhad Azima filed his Complaint in this case on October 16, 2020. *See* Document No. 1. On August 9, 2021, United States Magistrate Judge Joe L. Webster issued an Order and Recommendation with respect to Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss. *See* Document No. 54. On December 10, 2021, United States District Judge William L. Osteen, Jr., adopted in part and modified in part Judge Webster’s Recommendation with respect to Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss, denying Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss as to North Carolina claims of misappropriation of trade secrets and civil conspiracy. *See* Document No. 65.

In his Order and Recommendation, Judge Webster “decline[d] to schedule an initial pretrial conference or otherwise order the commencement of general discovery before there has been a final ruling on Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss.” *See* Document No. 54 at 37. Now that there has been a final ruling on Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court order and set an initial pretrial conference, which will

trigger a related Rule 26(f) conference, so that the parties may meet and organize themselves so as to avoid any delay in the discovery process.

This, the 17th day of December, 2021.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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